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1. A seminary in Cottbus, established around the beginning of 1946, is engaged in the training of schoolteachers with SED sympathies. The Russian city commandant visits the seminary at least once a month. Students attend the school of their own free will. Graduates of the seminary may receive their diplomas only if they are members of the SED. The occasional CDU members who are permitted to attend the seminary must resign from the CDU and join the SED.
2. The SMA has instructed the seminary administration strictly to follow Directive No. 24 which prohibits the attendance of former Hitler Youth leaders and, except in special cases, former Army officers.
3. One of the instructors at the seminary, Fohlmann, was a notorious Nazi before 1945. He made the following statement in the course of an address given late in March 1947: "There is one thing that we shall never forgive: criticism of the Party's measures by means of smirks and knowing smiles. Always remember that you are first of all party leaders and only secondly teachers. I speak to you not as a teacher, but as a representative of our party and as a friend." Lectures on the lives of Lenin and Stalin and on Marxist philosophy are as frequent at the seminary as lectures on the science of pedagogy. Conditions similar to those at Cottbus prevail at the teachers' school at Wiesenburg (Kreis Belzig), where SMA officials give political orientation lectures.

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